

b4 a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein; and a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess being positioned to face the V-shaped slot, wherein the nail-head receiving recess is one of partially conically shaped and partially pyramidally shaped.

2. (Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head according to claim 1, wherein the nail-head receiving recess is positioned vertically on the rear face of the main body relative to the curvature of the claw so that the longitudinal axis of a nail is substantially parallel to the horizontal axis and substantially perpendicular to the transverse axis and the vertical axis of the main body when a shank of the nail is held by the V-shaped slot in the claw and a head of the nail is held by the nail-head receiving recess.

Sub 27 b5 4. (Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head according to claim 1, wherein the partially conically shaped nail-head receiving recess has a curved surface curving about a conical axis extending generally parallel with the vertical axis and a flat surface intersecting the curved surface.

5. (Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head, comprising:
a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein; and

a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess being positioned to face the V-shaped slot,

wherein the nail-head receiving recess has a curved surface curving about the longitudinal axis and a flat surface intersecting the curved surface and the flat surface is disposed between the curved surface and the point of intersection.

Sub-C37 10. (Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head for holding a conventional nail having a shank portion and a nail head portion connected to the shank portion, the nail-setting claw hammer head comprising:

B6 a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a front surface, a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein;

impact member connected to and projecting from the front surface, the impact member having a neck and a hammer face; and

a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess positioned to face the V-shaped slot such that the nail-head receiving recess is sized and adapted to receive the nail head portion of the nail and the V-shaped slot is sized and adapted to receive the shank portion of the nail in order to wedge the shank portion therein,

wherein the nail-head receiving recess is one of partially conically shaped and partially pyramidally shaped.

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13. (Amended) A nail-setting claw hammer head for holding a conventional nail having a shank portion and a nail head portion connected to the shank portion, the nail-setting claw hammer head comprising:

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a main body disposed along and about a horizontal axis, a vertical axis and a transverse axis which intersect one another perpendicularly at a point of intersection to define a center of mass, the main body having a front surface, a top surface and a rear surface with the rear surface including a nail-head receiving recess formed therein;

impact member connected to and projecting from the front surface, the impact member having a neck and a hammer face; and

a claw connected to the rear surface of the main body at a first end and forming a fulcrum surface with the top surface, the claw curving about the point of intersection and disposed apart from the rear surface, the claw terminating at a second end opposite the first end with a pair of claw sections defining a V-shaped slot therebetween, the nail-head receiving recess positioned to face the V-shaped slot such that the nail-head receiving recess is sized and adapted to receive the nail head portion of the nail and the V-shaped slot is sized and adapted to receive the shank portion of the nail in order to wedge the shank portion therein, wherein the nail-head receiving recess has a curved surface curving about a conical axis extending generally parallel with the vertical axis and a flat surface intersecting the curved surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 13-18 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 12 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 10 and 13 are amended.

Applicant expresses his appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5-8 and 13-17.

The disclosure is objected to because of informalities. The specification is amended as indicated above to obviate the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is